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Dear Parents

Welcome back to the second half of the Autumn term, which promises to be very busy – and hopefully very festive! We hope you enjoyed the opportunity to meet with class teachers at the end of last half term and found the meetings suitably informative in relation to your child's academic achievement and progress and their social and emotional development. We want to work in partnership with you on your child's educational journey with us. If you were unable to attend a meeting on the two scheduled evenings, please feel free to make a mutually convenient alternative appointment. It is so important that you know how well your children are doing at school and how you can help support them at home. Just before half term the children enjoyed an inspirational assembly and workshop led by George Fouche, an ex-rugby player and former teacher. He talked about the skills and attributes of successful learners and repeatedly emphasized the importance of never giving up, no matter how hard the task! We are constantly striving to deliver this message to every child and hope the children enjoyed the sessions and benefitted from them.

As you are aware, the school was inspected by Ofsted last week and I would like to thank those of you who spoke to inspectors and completed the on-line questionnaire. I would also like to thank the children for their hard work and for the way they conducted themselves throughout the inspection. Of course, thanks must also go to all the staff and to the governors who came to meet with the inspection team. Since the last inspection, just over two years ago, when the school was judged to 'Require Improvement', we have worked continuously and uncompromisingly to raise standards across the school and we will continue to do so. With each inspection the national 'achievement bar' rises and we remain determined to ensure that our children are enabled to meet that challenge. We will inform you of the outcome of the inspection as soon as the report is published towards the end of November/beginning of December.

Parking

We continue to receive complaints from local residents living near both the infant and junior schools. Parents continue to block driveways and park alongside dropped kerbs. On occasions, when parents have been asked to move their vehicles, our school neighbours say they have been verbally abused. We appreciate that parking is very difficult near the schools but this does not entitle you to park illegally or speak rudely to residents. Please be aware that the police have been informed and offending registration numbers will be reported. Please help us to respect the local community by parking and driving with consideration. Many thanks.

Musical successes

Congratulations to the following pupils:-

Piano – Beginner Book 1 completed – Lily-May Freeman

Musical Theatre – Isla Fowler – Grade 4 – Distinction/Melody Joubert – Grade 5 – Distinction/Shante Joubert – Grade 5 – Distinction

Children in Need

Children may come to school in their own clothes/spotty clothes on Friday November 16th in support of Children in Need. We are asking for a voluntary donation, which we shall send to the appeal.

Christmas Disco

The Christmas Disco will take place on Thursday 13th December at 4.30-5.30 for Y3/4 and at 6.00-7.00pm for Y5/6. Tickets cost £3.50, payable at the door. Snacks and drinks will be available to buy on the night as well. Please come and support this fundraising Christmas event – many thanks to the parents who have kindly organized it – and to the staff who will stay and help.

Diary dates

14.11.18 – Y6 – Crucial Crew

3.12.18 – Christmas concert rehearsal – 3.30-4.45pm – details to follow

5.12.18 – Flu immunisations for Years 3,4 and 5

6.12.18 – Christmas Fayre – infant school – 3.30-5.00pm

10.12.18 – Christmas concert rehearsal – 3.30-4.45pm – details to follow

11.12.18 – Y3/4 Christmas performance – 2.00pm/6.00pm – details to follow

12.11.18 – Christingle Service – 11.00am – St Margaret's church, Ormesby

12.12.18 – Y3/4 Christmas performance – 6.00pm

13.12.18 – Y3/4 Christmas party – details to follow - pm

14.12.18 – Y5/6 Christmas party – details to follow – pm

17.12.18 – Christmas music concert – Mrs White-Joubert – 6.00-7.30pm – refreshments from 5.30pm – details to follow

18.12.18 – School Christmas lunch – details to follow

18.12.18 – School closes for Christmas

3.1.19 – School reopens for Spring term 2019

Yours sincerely

L. J. Bates

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Headteacher

